



Iowa FFA Association

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success** through agricultural education.*

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Earlham FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Sales CDE

The Earlham FFA Chapter from Earlham was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agriculture Sales Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on April 29, 2014. Members of the first place team included: Erica Baier, Cassie Bond, Lexie Kliegl, and Justin Hopp. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Irving and Mr. Charlie Fitzgerald.. They will represent Iowa at the National Ag Sales Career Development Event in Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The St. Ansgar FFA Chapter from St. Ansgar was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Kim Beyer, Olivia Bisbee, Heather Keech, and Ben Weis. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jim Green. Heather Keech, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 55 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agriculture Sales. The 218 individuals who participated in the event each completed an objective test, made a sales presentation, and performed a customer relations practicum. All team members worked together to prepare a marketing plan and make an oral presentation of the plan to the judges.

The Ag Sales Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Jeff Mayes of Gladbrook-Reinbeck. A total of 39 area agriculture business and sales personnel from the surrounding area served as judges.

Nationwide Agribusiness, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored plaques for the first and second place individual and trophies for the first place individual and team in the specialty areas and the Top Ten Rosettes for Teams and Individuals. Nationwide Agribusiness, through the Iowa FFA Foundation, sponsored a plaque for the second place chapter and travel money for the winning chapter to participate in the National FFA CDE.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Earlham FFA, Earlham
- 2 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 3 Osage FFA, Osage
- 4 North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
- 5 Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa
- 6 Louisa-Muscatine FFA
- 7 Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
- 8 Hudson FFA, Hudson
- 9 Iowa Mennonite FFA, Kalona
- 10 Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Top 10 Individuals

- Heather Keech, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Olivia Bisbee, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Cassie Bond, Earlham FFA, Earlham
Erica Baier, Earlham FFA, Earlham
Justin Hopp, Earlham FFA, Earlham
Ben Weis, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Roni Kruse, Osage FFA, Osage
Taylor Dohlman, Osage FFA, Osage
Brittany McQueen, Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa
Bobbi Fogle, Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Sales Presentations

Team: St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar **Individual:** Taylor Dohlman, Osage FFA, Osage Individual

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Earlham FFA, Earlham **Individual:** Heather Keech, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (20)

Score Range (1005.5 to 781.5)

Earlham FFA, Earlham
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Osage FFA, Osage
North Linn FFA, Troy Mills
Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa
Louisa-Muscatine FFA
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Hudson FFA, Hudson
Iowa Mennonite FFA, Kalona
Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank
LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
Oelwein FFA, Oelwein
North Mahaska FFA, New Sharon
East Buchanan, Winthrop
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville
DeWitt Central FFA, DeWitt
Decorah FFA, Decorah
Chariton FFA, Chariton
Chariton FFA, Chariton

Bronze Teams (18)

Score Range (668 to 280.5)

Tri-County FFA, Thornburg
Jesup FFA, Jesup
Keota FFA, Keota
English Valleys FFA, North English
Twin Cedars FFA, Bussey
Harlan FFA, Harlan
North Fayette Valley FFA, West Union
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center
Lone Tree FFA, Lone Tree
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton
Davis-Rodgers FFA, Shenandoah
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Forest City FFA, Forest City

Silver Teams (17)

Score Range (763.5 to 698)

Northeast FFA, Goose Lake
South Hamilton FFA, Jewell
Albia FFA, Albia
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley
Coon Rapids-Bayard FFA, Coon Rapids
Independence FFA Chapter
Roland-Story FFA, Story City
Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood
South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Lenox FFA Chapter
Tripoli FFA, Tripoli
Grundy Center FFA, Grundy Center
Mediapolis FFA, Mediapolis
Humboldt FFA, Humboldt
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson
Wapello FFA, Wapello

Rockford FFA, Rockford
Williamsburg FFA, Williamsburg
Westwood FFA, Sloan
West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
Mount Ayr FFA, Mount Ayr

The Iowa FFA Association has 219 local chapters with over 14,200 FFA members. FFA is a national organization of nearly 580,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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